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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC;

The Internet needs open competition and a level playing field for it to become a robust multi-lane information highway. Fundamental capitalist principles demand no less. Please do not undermine or wipe out local service providers by hiking the cost of internet and phone service. There is robust competition among local telephone providers where I live in Northern California and I hope you will help us keep it that way.

Regards,

Hugh Helm